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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN PUBLIC REACTION TO SOVIET TRIALS

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1. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE OFFICIAL OR NON-OFFICIAL INTEREST IN NIGERIA IN THE RECENT TRIALS AND SENTENCING OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS. WE HAVE SEEN BARE MENTION IN THE NEWS COLUMNS AND NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE SUBJECT. EVEN IF NIGERIANS WERE NOT PREOCCUPIED WITH SEVERAL EVENTS AT HOME AND IN AFRICA, E.G., ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPLACEMENT OF STATE GOVERNORS AND FEDERAL COMMISSIONERS AND OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE SOVIET TRIALS WOULD BE HIGH ON THE LIST OF SUBJECTS THAT WOULD CONCERN THEM.

2. THE ONLY NIGERIAN BRINGING UP SUBJECT WITH EMBOFFS WAS CHIEF SIMEON O. ADEBO, FORMER NIGERIAN PERMREP TO UN (1962-1968), WHO REMARKED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY PRESIDENT CARTER WAS MAKING SUCH AN ISSUE OF THE TRIALS AND RISKING JEOPARDIZING DETENTE BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST ON MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS. HE OBSERVED THAT THE U.S. APPROACH WILL NOT IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USSR AND APPEARS TO BE INTERFERENCE
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